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Subject: FOREX trading rules

Dear CFTC,

The markets built this nation... not the other way around.

Americans have a right to pursue property by participating in any market they wish to trade regardless of "vested interest" in the particular commodity... all have a vested interest in keeping the markets free so who can be properly excluded?

Minimum margin requirements and leverage limits are socioeconomic class discrimination and are unconstitutional... who are you to say that I or anyone else have no right to leverage my good credit in any (supposedly free) market if my brokers say that I may? It is a 100% private matter. You people are the modern day equivalent of the SS. Your agency was created to insure that the largest participants in these markets play fair and do not use their economic advantage to manipulate the markets... precisely to keep the markets free and open to all participants. Instead you choose to protect the dominant position of the largest players in the game thereby insuring that the original purpose of the CFTC will never be fulfilled.

Our money will go offshore... broker profits will go offshore... interest earned on margin loans will go offshore... American jobs in the brokerage industry will go offshore... and you along with them because soon every commodity and stock will be traded in the same way that currencies are traded today in an off exchange leveraged market... offshore.

A giant money, jobs and opportunity vacuum is being created. Our markets, once free, are being taken from us by being taken over by the largest interests whose only competitor is the collective trading power of the smallest players... and no one cares enough to even take note of it in the media.

Very sad inde	eed.
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